



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: July 7, 2004

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Terra Form Landscape Company for fabrication of artistic gates for Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvements, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a sole source contract with Terra Form Landscape Company for fabrication of artistic gates for Ballona Creek Bike Path Improvements, Los Angeles in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Background: The first phase of the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvements project will be construction of enhancements at the Centinela entrance to the bike path. The enhancements include landscaping, installation of benches and a drinking fountain, and replacing the existing chain link fence with a wrought iron fence. A set of decorative gates will mark the entrance to the bike path. This design will be similar to several places on the Los Angeles River where decorative gates exist.

Terra Form is the best contractor to complete this work because they have an existing relationship with Brett Goldstone, an artist who created several decorative gates on the Los Angeles River, including the Great Heron gates and the Water with Rocks gates at Fletcher Drive. As an independent artist, Mr. Goldstone is not able to carry all of the insurance required by MRCA for contractors. By awarding this contract to Terra Form the MRCA will be able to utilize Mr. Goldstone's experience and talent on the Ballona Creek project. The three bid process is not a standard practice for artistic services contracts.

Los Angeles County Proposition A and State Parks Recreational Trails Program are funding sources for this project.

The contract with Terra Form will not exceed \$25,000.